does not stand in need of help for maintaining it as much as the man who has no well at all and wishes to construct one for irrigating his dry crop land. If there is any surplus in the allotment after advancing for new works, it can be made available for repairs. Those who require loans for repairing existing wells can, however, apply under the Land Improvement Act.

Subject No. 204.
Fort wall and ditch at Hiriyur.

Summary of discussion.—A Government grant is required for dismantling the Fort wall and filling the Fort ditch at Hiriyur. Municipal funds are not available, but the work is necessary on sanitary grounds. It should be carried out from the Sanitary Budget.

Dewan's reply.—This cannot be done.

Subject No. 205.
Pay of Tank Inspectors.

Summary of discussion.—Tank Inspectors now get only Rs. 12 or 15 per month, which is not sufficient to enable them to maintain a horse. Their pay may be increased.

Dewan's reply.—The necessity of this is doubtful. The point will be considered with others relating to Taluk establishments.

Subject No. 206.
(a) Tank required near Kittadahalli.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*). The construction of a tank near Kittadahalli of the Lakkihalli Sammat has been under contemplation for a long time past, but no final orders have been passed as yet. It is desired that the project should be soon taken in hand. The Marikanave Project would not benefit the people of the Lakkihalli Sammat.

(b) Tank required near Huvinahole.

(*b*) The construction of a tank near Huvinahole by throwing a dam across the halla, which passes near that village, will be very beneficial both to the people and to the Government. The Marikanave Project will not cover this part of the Taluk, as the rivers Vedavati and Suvarnamukhi are in the way.

(c) Feeder to Dharmapur Amanikere.

(*c*) The Dharmapur Amanikere Tank is a large one in the Hiriyur Taluk. The sources of water-supply have been greatly diminished after some of the tanks in the Sira Taluk were restored. Therefore, it is suggested that a channel should be drawn to this tank from the river Suvarnamukhi.

(d) Tanks in Hiriyur Taluk generally.

(*d*) Hiriyur is a purely Maidan Taluk with a precarious rain-fall, and the first to be affected by famine. Even when there is good rain, all the tanks do not retain a proper supply of water as many of them are out of order. Sluices of several tanks are either leaky or entirely out of repair. Some special arrangements are needed for the restoration of the tanks in this Taluk, whether small or large.

Dewan's reply.—The individual works suggested are works not likely to be remunerative. They will be included in the list of Famine Relief Works. The D. P. W. are doing the needful in respect of *Existing* tanks.

Subject No. 207.

Sandal trees on occupied lands.

Summary of discussion.—Landholders have been made responsible for the proper care and protection of sandal trees growing on their lands. This imposes a heavy obligation on the raiyats. Sandal trees do not grow well in the Maidan Taluks and consequently Government is not much benefited thereby. All such trees standing on khate lands may, therefore, be ordered to be made over to the raiyats concerned on payment by them of the value thereof.

Dewan's reply.—No. (See Subject No. 158 *supra.*)

Subject No. 208.

Grant of date tree lands fit for garden cultivation.

Summary of discussion.—Dry or kharab lands situated below tanks and which can be turned into valuable cocoanut and supari gardens by the help of tank water, should not be reserved as date groves. The Government will be better benefited by the grant of such lands for Bagayat cultivation. For instance, the reservation of Survey No. 174 measuring 130 acres and 38 guntas, situated below the Gunderi Tank, is a great loss to Government. If this land is granted for Bagayat cultivation, Government will get Rs. 1,000 as assessment in addition to Rs. 1,200 as future Sayer Revenue.

Dewan's reply.—No general rule can be laid down. If not required for Government, the land will be given. Apply to Deputy Commissioner in individual cases, and they will be disposed of on their merits. (See also Subject No. 79 *supra.*)

Subject No. 209.

Summary of discussion.—Arecanut gardens below several tanks are not in good condition, and consequently both Government and the holders of such gardens are great losers. The reasons are that in some instances the tanks do not fill properly, while in others, the tank bunds are not strong. The following are instances in point:—

(a) Feeder to Holalkere Tank.

(*a*). Herekere Tank at Holalkere has not filled for the last three years. It is desired that the halla near Adnur should be diverted into this tank.

(b) Strengthening Honnekere.

(*b*). The catchment of Honnekere Tank at Holalkere is good, but the bund is weak and out of order. This tank is useful to men and cattle, and is also intended for the irrigation of the arecanut gardens under it. The tank bund should be ordered to be repaired.

(c) Feeder to Nulenur Tank.

(*c*). The tank at Nulenur in its present state is not of much use. The Herehalla close by should be